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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT DETERIORATION OF THE MORALE OF THE
PEOPLE IN HUE AS A RESULT OF THE
GOVERNMENT REPRESSION OF THE BUDDHISTS

DATE DISTR. 17 SEPTEMBER 1963

DATE OF INFO. [REDACTED]

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

PLACE & DATE ACO. VIETNAM, SAIGON [REDACTED]

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1. MORALE OF THE PEOPLE IN HUE HAD DETERIORATED SERIOUSLY BY 12 SEPTEMBER 1963 AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT REPRESSION OF THE BUDDHISTS. SEVERAL REFUGEES FROM NORTH VIETNAM HAD CLAIMED, IN FACT, THAT THE SITUATION WAS WORSE IN SOUTH VIETNAM THAN IN THE NORTH, INDICATING THAT THEY COULD "FEEL THE FEAR" EXISTING IN THE HUE AREA.

2. CIVIL SERVANTS WERE DISGUSTED WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY BE ON 24-HOUR DUTY, EXCEPT FOR MEALS AT HOME. FURTHER MORE, THE CIVIL SERVANTS HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

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SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD DEFEAT THE NONATTENDANCE MOVEMENT IN CITY SCHOOLS. MANY STUDENTS HAVE SWORN ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO THE NGO FAMILY AND A NUMBER HAD ALREADY JOINED THE VIET CONG WHICH WAS REGARDED AS THE ONLY AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE.

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